

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.	:	10/577,887	Confirmation No.:	2241
Applicant	:	Bahaa Botros Seedhom et al.		
Title	:	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR USE IN THE IMPLANTATION OF TISSUE REPAIR KIT		
Filed	:	November 22, 2006		
TC/A.U.	:	3775		
Examiner	:	Larry E. Waggle Jr.		
Docket No.	:	7881.15		
Customer No.	:	21999		

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of July 21, 2009. A Petition for Extension of Time (two months) is submitted to extend the response deadline until December 21, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.